



The Fleming Newsletter

The Little Things That Make a Big Difference

As the year draws to a close, it is lovely to pause for a moment and reflect on the journey we have walked together, this year.

In the Pre-Primary, so much of what makes a year special happens in the little moments. It is the first brave goodbye at the classroom door, the excitement of mastering a new skill, the pride on a child's face when they accomplish something independently, and the friendships that blossom through play, laughter and shared experiences.

These moments may seem small to us as adults, but to a young child they are enormous milestones. Each one represents growing confidence, developing independence and a little more understanding about the world around them.

Throughout the year our children have grown in ways that go far beyond what can be measured in a report or displayed in a classroom. They have learnt to share, to take turns, to express and label their feelings, to solve little problems and to show kindness to others. They have discovered that it is okay to make mistakes, that trying again is part of learning, and that they are loved and supported every step of the way.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is to allow them to grow at their own pace. Each child's journey is different. Some milestones arrive quickly, while others take a little more time, encouragement and patience. What matters most is that our children feel safe enough to explore, confident enough to try, and secure enough to know that the adults around them believe in them.

Parents, thank you for being such an important part of our Fleming family. The partnership between home and school is a powerful one, and it is through this partnership that children experience the security and consistency they need to flourish.



To our wonderful teachers, assistants and support staff: thank you for the passion, care, patience, creativity and dedication you continue to bring to each day.

As we speed towards the end of the school year, I encourage you to take a moment to celebrate how far your child has come. Look beyond the school report, the finished artwork and the new skills, and notice the growing independence, the thoughtful gestures, the brave attempts and the little sparks of confidence that may not have been present when the year commenced.

Here's to the little things, the big milestones, the happy memories and all the possibilities and learning adventures that lie ahead.

Warmest wishes,
Sally Knowles



Welcoming Our New Principal

We are delighted to officially welcome Claudia McCarthy to our school community as our new Principal! We are excited to have her join our team and look forward to the experience, passion and fresh perspectives she will bring to our school.

We are confident that she will play a valuable role in continuing to nurture our children, support our dedicated staff and strengthen the wonderful partnership we share with our families.

We look forward to this exciting new chapter and to all that lies ahead under her leadership.

Please join us in wishing her a warm welcome as she begins this new journey with us. We are excited for the future and all the wonderful things still to come!



Book Week Review

Books open up a world of imagination, adventure and discovery for young children. Beyond the magic of a good story, reading plays a vital role in early childhood development. It builds language and vocabulary, strengthens listening and concentration skills, encourages creativity and helps children begin to understand their own emotions and the world around them. Most importantly, sharing books from an early age nurtures a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Our Book Week celebrations were filled with fun, imagination and a little bit of magic! Both Little Steps and Big Strides were thoroughly entertained by the fabulous Hooked on Books show, which brought stories to life in the most wonderful way.

The fun continued later that week with our Storytelling evening. The children loved the excitement of returning to school in their pyjamas, listening to enchanting stories read by their teachers, and enjoying a delicious cup of Milo and eating cheese muffins. With our teachers dressed up in their fabulous costumes, it was a truly memorable evening filled with laughter, warmth and a love for stories.

Book Week was a beautiful reminder that books are so much more than words on a page. They spark curiosity, inspire little imaginations and create special moments that children will treasure. Here's to many more magical stories, eager little listeners and a lifetime of adventures between the pages.



Big Strides Concert

What a wonderful journey our Big Strides children took us on with their transport-themed concert! From start to finish, our little performers shone on stage, filling the room with smiles, excitement and plenty of proud moments. We are so incredibly proud of each child for their confidence, enthusiasm and the effort they put into their performances.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents for your support, encouragement and enthusiasm in helping make the concert such a special occasion. Your little ones were absolute stars, and it was a joy to see them shine!

What a memorable journey it was — and we can't wait for the next adventure!





CLASS FEATURES

Blue & Orange

3 - 4 YEARS



Our Grade 000 classrooms are busy, joyful places where little personalities blossom, confidence grows and curiosity leads the way! At this age, every day brings new discoveries, exciting milestones and opportunities to learn through play. Our children are beginning to explore the world around them with growing confidence, developing friendships and discovering just how much they can do by themselves.

At the beginning of the year, many of our little learners still need a helping hand with everyday routines, from packing away their belongings and managing their own needs to sharing with friends and expressing their feelings. As the year progresses, it is incredibly rewarding to see how much they grow. Little hands become more capable, hesitant voices become confident storytellers, and children who once relied on us for almost everything begin to take pride in doing things independently.

Our days are filled with stories, music, creative activities, sensory exploration, outdoor adventures and plenty of opportunities for imaginative play. Through these experiences, the children develop their language, early mathematical understanding, fine and gross motor skills, problem-solving abilities and social-emotional awareness. They learn to take turns, negotiate with friends, express their ideas and begin to understand the importance of kindness, patience and co-operation.

One of the most special things about this age group is that learning happens in the smallest of moments. It is the excitement of mastering a new skill, the pride of completing a task independently, the courage to try something unfamiliar or the joy of forming a special friendship. These seemingly little achievements are actually enormous developmental milestones, laying the foundations for future learning and helping each child become a more confident, capable and independent little person.

Grade 000 is such a precious and rewarding year. We get to witness the incredible transformation that takes place as our children find their voices, discover their strengths and begin to believe in themselves. Every child develops at their own pace, and we treasure the opportunity to support, encourage and celebrate each one along the way. There is nothing quite like looking back at the beginning of the year and seeing just how far those little learners have come!

BLUE GROUP



Teacher Carey

I absolutely love being part of the Grade 000 classroom and sharing in these special early years of a child's life. There is something so rewarding about watching little learners grow in confidence, independence and curiosity as they explore the world around them. I treasure the excitement of their discoveries, the little milestones they reach and the kindness they show towards others. For me, teaching this age group is about so much more than preparing them for Grade 00; it's about building relationships, nurturing their confidence and creating a happy, safe environment where every child feels loved, valued and capable. I feel incredibly fortunate to play a small part in their journey and help make these early years meaningful, memorable and full of opportunities to learn, laugh and grow.

Teacher Assistant Tebello

My name is Tebello, and I have been working with children for over 15 years. I have been part of the Fleming family for more than 5 years, and I am proud to be part of a place where I can do what I love most.

Working with children is not just a job to me; it is my passion. Every morning, I feel joy knowing I will spend my day with them. Their smiles, laughter, and little achievements make my heart happy. I love watching them grow, learn, and discover the world, knowing that I am making a difference in their little lives.

ORANGE GROUP



Teacher Norma

Having taught for 17 wonderful years, I feel truly privileged to be part of the Fleming Pre-Primary School family. Teaching is my passion, and I believe in nurturing independence and perseverance, encouraging children to try their best and feel proud of what they can achieve. Teaching the 4-year-olds in Orange Group is such a rewarding experience, and I feel fortunate to play a part in their growth during these important early years. I believe that when children feel safe and loved, they learn, and my hope is that every child feels happy, confident and excited to come to school each day.

Teacher Assistant Fundi

If you have been at Fleming, you have definitely seen Fundi always on the move, always with a smile. I'm always there for little ones who need cuddles and a little extra care or a quick chat. What I love most about Fleming? The noisy mornings, the funny questions, the little high-fives in the classroom and the way our school feels like home. I've been working at Fleming for over 10 years and love working with little ones. I am passionate about creating a safe, supportive and nurturing learning environment for every child. Favourite quote- 'It takes a big heart to shape little minds'

Upcoming Events

October

- Mon 2 November – Eduvet show for Big Strides - Space theme
- Sat 7 November - Fleming's 40th Celebrations
- Mon 16 November - Crazy Hair Day
- Tues 17 November - Crazy Sock Day
- Grade 00 Market Day
- Wed 18 November - Wear your clothes back to front
- Hippo's Concert
- Thurs 19 November - Crazy Hat Day
- Bushbabies Concert.
- Fri 20 November - Dress like a rainbow day
- Cubs Concert
- Mon 23 November - No extramurals or aftercare this week
- Ellie's Concert
- Thurs 26 November - Reports distributed. Interviews by request
- Fri 27 November - Kid's Class Christmas Party
- Wed 2 December - Big Strides Farewell/Christmas Carols Picnic (17h30)
- Thurs 3 December - Father Christmas visits Fleming
- School closes for 2026 at 11:00. Cubs & Bushbabies at 10:30.

Staff Birthdays

Anna - 4 November
Precious - 27 November
Nono - 28 November



Extra Mural Prize Givings

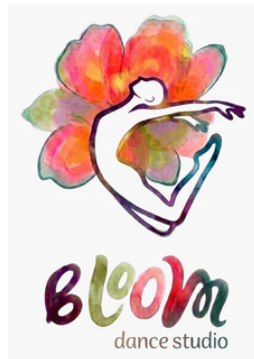
Tumbling Tigerz - 5 November

Soccer Starz - 9 November

Playball - 24 November

Ballet - Tues 24th/Thurs 26th

Karate - 25 November



Please note that Extra Mural lessons will continue until 19th November